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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation:
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, January 31st, I traveled to Salem, Oregon and made an ex parte presentation to Ray Baum, a member of the Oregon Public Utility Commission and member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.

We discussed a myriad of issues within the context of the ongoing "rural basis of support" proceeding being deliberated by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. There were no written materials distributed.

If you have any questions, then please contact me at 425-586-8736.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Blundell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jim Blundell
Vice President, Public Policy
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cc: Ray Baum